

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Handle (11) for a handheld engine powered tool comprising ~~at least one~~ a lever (12) ~~[[or]]~~ and ~~one~~ a button (13) for controlling the power of the tool, the lever (12) controlling the throttle of the engine and the button (13) being a safety button (13) provided with an arm (17) that is moveable when the button (13) is pressed, the arm (17) inhibiting movement of the lever (12) when the button (13) is not pressed, the handle (11) is made of at least two handle sections (15, 16), the lever (12) ~~[[or]]~~ and the button (13) ~~[[is]]~~ are each pivotaly secured in only one of the handle sections (16) so that the functions of the lever (12) ~~[[or]]~~ and the button (13) ~~[[is]]~~ are each substantially independent of separate from the ~~position~~ alignment of the other handle section (15) relative to the one handle section (16), characterized in that the handle sections (15, 16) are permanently joined together so as to form a leak-inhibiting joint therebetween such that a portion of the handle forms a fuel tank (14).

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the handle sections (15, 16) are made of a plastic or metallic material and permanently joined together either by welding or gluing.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~the handle (11) is provided with a lever (12) for controlling the throttle of the engine and a safety button (13) that stops the operator from increasing the throttle of~~

the engine if the operator is not holding his hand around the handle (11) and the safety button (13) pressed.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 1, characterized in that one of the ~~[[a]]~~ lever (12) ~~or a~~ and the button (13) is secured in the handle section (16) via a supporting section (20) extending from the handle section (16).

Claim 6 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 5, characterized in that the supporting section (20) is provided with a pocket (21) where one of the lever (12) ~~or~~ and the button (13) is placed and secured by a locking pin (23) acting as the axle for the lever or button, said locking pin (23) extends through two openings (22) in the supporting section (20) and a hole (24) in the lever or button.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~[[a]]~~ one of the lever (12) ~~or a~~ and the button (13) is secured in the handle section (16) by a pin (25) snapped into a circular section of a keyhole-shaped opening (26) in the lever or the button wherein the pin extends in transverse direction from the handle section (16) in relation to the longitudinal axle so that the lever or the button turns around the pin (25).

Claim 8 (previously presented): Handle according to claim 7, characterized in that the other handle section (15) is provided with a protruding circular-shaped edge (34) surrounding a part or the entire pin (25) so that when the handle sections are joined together one end of the pin (25) is placed inside the protruding circular-shaped edge (34) so that the protruding circular-shaped edge (34) supports the pin (25) when the pin (25) is subjected to high loads.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Handle according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~[[a]] one of the~~ lever (12) ~~or a~~ and the button (13) is secured in the handle section (16) by a separate metallic or plastic pin (31) pressed into a prepared opening (32) in the handle section (16) so that the lever or the button is turning around the separate metallic or plastic pin (31).

Claim 10 (previously presented): Handle according to claim 9, characterized in that the other handle section (15) is provided with a supporting edge (36) surrounding a part or the entire separate metallic or plastic pin (31) so that when the handle sections are joined together, one end of the separate metallic or plastic pin (31) is placed inside the supporting edge (36) so that the supporting edge (36) supports the separate metallic or plastic pin (31) when the pin (31) is subjected to high loads.

Claim 11 (previously presented): Handle according to claim 8, wherein the diameter of the circular-shaped edge (34) is larger than the diameter of the pin (25).

Claim 12 (previously presented): Handle according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the supporting edge (36) is larger than the diameter of the pin (31).

Claim 13 (new): A method for assembling two-halves of a handle (11) for a handheld engine powered tool, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a handle (11) with two sections (15, 16), a lever (12), a button (13), and a line wheel (30), one of the handle sections (16) including a supporting section (20);

- providing a hole (22) in the supporting section (20) mounted on the handle section (16) for receiving a locking pin (23);

- providing a hole (24) in the lever (12) for receiving the locking pin (23);

- securing the lever (12) to one of the handle sections (16) by sliding the locking pin (23) through the holes (22, 24);

providing a pin (25) extending from the handle section (16);
securing the button (13) to one of the handle sections (16) by snapping the button (13) onto the pin (25);
providing a prepared opening (32) in the handle section (16) for receiving a plastic pin (31);
securing the line wheel (30) to one of the handle sections (16) by sliding the plastic pin (31) into the prepared-opening (32) in the handle section (16) and by putting the line wheel (30) onto the plastic pin (31); and
permanently joining together the handle sections (15, 16) so as to form a leak-inhibiting joint therebetween such that a portion of the handle (11) forms a fuel tank (14).

Claim 14 (new): Handle (11) for a handheld engine powered tool comprising first, second, and third pivotable elements for controlling the power of the tool, the handle (11) being made of at least two handle sections (15, 16), each of the pivotable elements being pivotally connected in only one of the handle sections (16) so that the functions of the pivotable elements are separate from the position of the other handle section (15), characterized in that the handle sections (15, 16) are permanently joined together, and further characterized in that each of the pivotable elements is pivotally connected to the one handle section (16) by a pivotable connection selected from the group consisting of:

a supporting section (20) extending from the handle section (16) that is provided with a pocket (21) where the pivotable element is placed and secured by a locking pin (23) acting as the axle for the pivotable element;

a pin (25) snapped into a circular section of a keyhole-shaped opening (26) in the pivotable element wherein the pin extends in transverse direction from the handle section (16) in relation to the longitudinal axle so that the pivotable element turns around the pin (25); and

a separate metallic or plastic pin (31) pressed into a prepared opening (32) in the handle section (16) so that the pivotable element is turning around the separate metallic or plastic pin (31).

Claim 15 (new): Handle according to claim 14, characterized in that the first pivotable element is a throttle lever (12), the second pivotable element is a safety button (13), and the third pivotable element is a line wheel (30).

Claim 16 (new): Handle according to claim 15, characterized in that the safety button (13) is provided with an arm (17) that is moveable when the button (13) is pressed, the arm (17) inhibiting movement of the lever (12) when the button (13) is not pressed.

Claim 17 (new): Handle according to claim 14, characterized in that the other handle section (15) is provided with a protruding circular-shaped edge (34) surrounding a part or the entire pin (25) so that when the handle sections are joined together one end of the pin (25) is placed inside the protruding circular-shaped edge (34) so that the protruding circular-shaped edge (34) supports the pin (25) when the pin (25) is subjected to high loads.

Claim 18 (new): Handle according to claim 14, characterized in that the other handle section (15) is provided with a supporting edge (36) surrounding a part or the entire separate metallic or plastic pin (31) so that when the handle sections are joined together, one end of the separate metallic or plastic pin (31) is placed inside the supporting edge (36) so that the supporting edge (36) supports the separate metallic or plastic pin (31) when the pin (31) is subjected to high loads.

Claim 19 (new): Handle according to claim 14, characterized in that the handle sections (15, 16) are permanently joined together so as to form a leak-inhibiting joint therebetween such that a portion of the handle forms a fuel tank (14).